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LONDON INTERNATIONAL STAMP EXHIBITION, 1960

From the plan included in the prospectus of the above Exhibition published in November, 1958, it will be observed that space has been set aside for Society exhibits which, incidentally, will not be eligible for competition. Provisional application has been made on behalf of our Circle for two frames (32 standard album pages) and members, including those who intend to show individually, who are willing to give their support by loaning not more than three pages of material of high standard are requested to advise our Hon, Secretary as soon as possible. The first issue of the Exhibition Magazine is now available which gives up-to-date news of progress since the publication of the prospectus. A subscription of 30s will ensure the receipt of this magazine and subsequent issues, the Exhibition Catalogue, the final Report and an entrance ticket valid for the first day or any other day, a commemorative cover posted on the opening day and any other exhibition souvenirs which may be issued. For an additional 10s a season ticket for the duration of the exhibition will be available. Members who have not already subscribed the minimum of 30s are advised to do so without delay. Remittances should be sent to the Organising Secretary, 13, Goodwins Court, St. Martins Lane, London, W.C.2.

NOTES AND QUERIES

The sixth Anniversary Meeting will take place at 41 Devonshire Place, London, W.l., on Saturday, April 9th, at 2.30 p.m.
It will be followed by a Dinner (dress informal) at Lords Tavern, St. John's Wood Road, London, N.W.8. (7 for 7.30 p.m.). The principal guests will be Mr. W. F. Deakin (Managing Director—Stanley Gibbons Ltd.) and Mr. A. L. Pemberton (Director - Robson Lowe Ltd.). The charge will be 20/- per head exclusive of wine but including gratuities. Any member wishing to attend, who has not already advised the Hon. Secretary, should do so immediately.

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE POSTAL

HISTORY OF THE BRITISH WEST INDIES

This, the Study Circle's first paper is compiled by L. E. Britnor. It gives a general picture of the development of the early postal arrangements in the B.W.I. as far as the 1860's.

The paper consists of 47 pp including cover and is fully illustrated with maps and diagrams. It is published at the modest price of 5/6 including postage (Canada and U.S.A. $1) and will be supplied to members at 3/6 (Canada and U.S.A. 70 cents) post free, on application to the Hon. Secretary, together with the appropriate remittance.

The Research and Publications Sub-committee of the Circle anticipate that this paper will be useful to every member and hopes it will even attract interest outside the circle.

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NOTES AND QUERIES

It will be appreciated that our Bulletin constitutes the vital link between us and is mainly dependent upon a steady flow of contributions from members. These may either afford information or raise points upon which enlightenment is sought, and it will be helpful if S.G. numbers are quoted wherever possible. **In this connection it is essential that all communications are addressed to the Hon. Editor in order that publicity can be given in the Bulletin subject to his discretion.**

BAHAMAS

Crowned Circle Marks. Contrary to the note on page 7 of the January issue, the "Paid at Bahamas" crowned circle mark as used in 1943/4 is different from the earlier one. The proof strike made in the P.O. records in June, 1846, shows that the "I" in "Paid" falls mid-way over "AT" in the second line. The strike used for official mail has the "I" directly over the "T" of "AT." It would be of interest to know late dates of using the 1846 stamp and the earliest for the second type. My latest cover of the latter is marked "Oct. 14 1943."

The Bahamas Imperial Lighthouse Service. This administration at present uses an oval canceller 45 mms. by 31 mms., in black, showing that the Lighthouse Service is controlled by the Ministry of Transport and Civil Aviation. An earlier cover (1940) shows a red strike 48 mm. by 29 mm. under the Ministry of Shipping. The Inspector of the Lighthouse Service relates that the Board of Trade formerly controlled the lighthouses, but I have no example of this on cover. It would be of interest to know the dates of all strikes for this official cancellation.

A. J. Branston.

BARBADOS

The Fleurons. Mr. L. E. Britnor is at present collating information on the large and small fleurons of Barbados. If any members have specimens, would they please be good enough to send details to the Editor under the following headings: Date, Diameter, Height of Letters, General remarks.

Editor.

BARBADOS (contd.)

"Commercial Rooms" Cachets. Re: Mr. Britnor's article on Jamaica "Commercial Rooms" in Bulletin No. 23, I have:-

1. CR.1 dated May, 1821.
2. CR.2 9th March, 1822.
3. CR.3 July, 1830, 12th April, 1831, 17th July, 1833, June, 1838.
   This mark is reported with date in centre. I have never seen one and would like to hear of anyone who has seen it, or got it and the date.
4. Straight line "Commercial Rooms" 66 by 3¼ mm. Serif letters dated 10th July, 1829, and a similar cover 20th June, 1829.
5. Straight line "Commercial Rooms" with star between, in fancy type with larger capitals 56 by 3 mm. And 40 mm. below are the words "Kingston Jamaica" in similar type. This cover is dated 3rd October, 1818.
   Apparently this is one large unframed stamp, but I would like to see a second example, to see if the 40 mm. spacing is constant.

V. N. F. Surtees.

BRITISH WEST INDIES

Extract from THE LONDON CHRONICLE for Thursday, March 13th, to Saturday, March 15th, 1788. Vol. LXIII, No. 4896.

GENERAL POST OFFICE

March 14th, 1788.

In compliance with the unanimous request of a meeting of West India Merchants in the City of London, the following alteration will be made in the plan which has been recently adopted for dispatching the Packets to the West Indies, and will be carried into effect till further notice.

A Mail will be made up at this Office on the First Wednesday in every month for Jamaica, and also for the Leeward Islands, with which a Packet will be dispatched immediately from Falmouth, to touch at Barbadoes on her outward-bound passage, and leave there the Letters for all the Leeward Islands, and then proceed directly to Jamaica, from whence she is to return, after staying fourteen days, and no more, by the windward passage to England.

Another Mail will be made up for the Leeward Islands on the Third Wednesday in every month, with which a Packet will proceed, first to Barbadoes, and from thence to St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua,

Montserrat, Nevis, St. Kitt's, and Tortola; and after having staid no longer than forty-eight hours at Barbadoes, St. Vincent's, Grenada, Dominica, Antigua, and St. Kitt's, and twenty-four hours at each of the other islands, she is to return directly to England with the Letters she may have collected for Great Britain and Ireland.

All Letters for the Leeward Islands, which may be sent by the Jamaica Packet on the First Wednesday in every month, will be conveyed from Barbados, either by the Government vessels of the respective Islands, or by a Brig to be specially employed for that purpose, in order that answers may be prepared against the arrival of the Leeward Islands Packet from hence, of the Third Wednesday in every month.

By command of the Postmaster-General,

ANTHONY TODD, Secretary.

Earlier information from 1688 to 1705, on the postal history of the B.W.I. in the form of copies of Various official records and documents, can be found in "The Early Postal History of the British West Indies and North America" by H. C. Westley, published by The Postal History Society 1957.

Editor.

By AIR Mail from B.W.I. The recent correspondence from Mr. E. V. Toeg and Mr. C. D. Paton on Air Mail charges prompts me to offer the following comments.

Air Mail from the Windward and Leeward Islands was sent normally to Trinidad or Antigua and thence by air to America for shipment to England. The combined sea and air rate from St. Lucia to England in the post-1929 period was 1/3 per ½ oz. for letters and 7d. for postcards. The Lindberg flight was so full of philatelic material that it seems a waste of time trying to draw conclusions from it.

St. Kitts appears to have adopted a different procedure to the other islands. Here the ordinary postage rate of 1½d. to England via America is added to the air mail rate, making 1/4½d. I cannot see any other possible explanation for this rate. Mr. G. W. Bowman's cover showing a l/0½d. charge (Bulletin 24, page 9) is difficult to explain except by assuming that there was a deficiency in postage which was overlooked due to the many adhesives applied. I cannot find any evidence from Post Office Guides that the air mail postage was reduced.

It is curious how one cannot get away from the odd ½d. on air mail letters from St. Kitts. I have an air mail cover St. Kitts via transatlantic mail dated 4th

October, 1943, on which 2/6½d. was paid. This appears to be 2/4d. per ½ oz. plus 2½d. for ordinary postage, for again I cannot see any other explanation for the odd ½d. If anyone can offer any other explanation I will be pleased to hear it.

Dr. B. de Burca

JAMAICA

AO1 Type B Obliterator. Further to my previous note regarding the AOI Type B Obliterator of Jamaica with the index 2C (Bulletin No. 23 page 66), I have seen in the "Watts" auction, a cover bearing this postmark, dated July 8th, 1866. I am interested in hearing about dates of use. Has anyone else any of these?

Robert Topaz.

Jamaica Obliterators. Mr. Topaz and Mr. Collett in Bulletin No. 23 re Jamaica AOI Type B duplex, I have:-

IB, 2B, and a 3d. Pine with centrally placed C only, dated 1870.

Also, four copies of "2" only. These are off-centre and obviously the letter has not been put in the date-stamp.

Also two copies of 2C, dated 9th July, 1869, and 9th July, 1870, both on 1d. pines on cover. This would seem to have been used at latest date of use of Type B.

Pre-Stamp Covers. In Bulletin No. 24 under "Displays" Mr. Patrick showed a Jamaica pre-stamp with Port Mara/JA. and it is stated that the recorded covers are spelt Port Maria/JA. I turned up my cover and it is wrongly spelt Port Mara and is dated 12th June, 1819, to Edinburgh. I do not have one correctly spelt, nor do I know of anyone who has. The only other wrongly spelt one (not so noted in the catalogue) was Dr. Urwick's and it was bought for £13 10s. at Robson Lowe's Sale of 22nd May, 1957, Lot 436, and there is an illustration of it. Nicholson says these marks were sent out from London, but London G.P.O. records only start from 1825 and Kingston have no early records. I suggest there never was one properly spelt in this Type and I would be very glad to hear of any that does exist and its date and size of mark. It seems unlikely they found the error and made a new stamp, or indented to London for a proper one, before the next type was issued.

BRITISH WEST INDIES STUDY CIRCLE

LIST OF MEMBERS 1960

KEY. - Names of colonies are given in a three-letter code, consisting in most cases of the first three letters of the name. "All" means all the colonies within the Circle's field of study. Meaning of symbols:-

C Cancellations and postal markings; D deals in material specified; M Mint **only**; PH Postal history or pre-adhesive material; PS Postal stationery; U Used only; x Except.
* Specialised collection, i.e., a collection including Postal history, Proofs, Specimens, Cancellations, Postal stationery, etc., unless otherwise indicated. The absence of this sign indicates a 'straight' collection of adhesives and catalogued varieties. † Overseas Member.

EXAMPLES:- "ANT, BAR & C" in col. 2 with "CAY" in col. 3 means the Member has straight collections of ANTIGUA and BARBADOS with the Cancellations of these colonies; as a secondary interest he also collects CAYMANS. "CAY: KGVI. M" would mean that his CAYMANS are limited to stamps of King George VI and only Mint.

"StL*, StV*, xPS" followed by "C of All xBrG, xBrH" means the Member has specialised collections (as defined above) of St. LUCIA and St. VINCENT but excluding Postal stationery; he also collects Cancellations of all colonies within the Circle's field except Br. Guiana and Br. Honduras.

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other Interests
Adams, D. P.	BrG, TRI from 1937 & C	All from 1937 & C
Agabeg, R C.	StL*, StV" to 1902.	
†Aguilar, E. G.	D all.	
Alterskye, C. G.	MON*. D all.	
Austin, R. H.	BAH*.	BAR, BER, ORE, JAM, StK. StL. TRT
Barnard, C. R.		
Bartlett, C. D.	BER* xPH.	
†Bartlett, Edmund	All & C.	
Bayley, Colin H.	BAR*	All xBrH.
†Bayley, Herbert	BAR*.	
Baynes, Eric	Most & C.	
Beach, A. E.	TOB*.	ANT, BAR, BrG, DOM, LEE, StK., StL, TRI to 1902
Benwell, B. B.	BAR*.	
Bessemer, H. D.	StV* xPS.	ANT, DOM, LEE, MON, NEV, StC, StK., StL. VIR.
Bishop, C. W.	JAM*.	
Black, H. Moreton	BAH*.	BAR from 1892.
Blackburn, R. H.	JAM*.	
Blease, H. F.		
H. Bodily, R.	D all.	
†Bowman, G. W.	ANT*, StV* xPH.	
Branston, A. J.	BAH*	
†Brassier, Norman	All* xPH, xPS, on cover.	
Britnor, L. E.	BAR* xPS.	PH&C of All xBrG. xBrH.
Broad, E.	StV*to 1901 xPH, xPS.	All to 1936.
Brown, E.		

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other interests
Brown, G. Bridgmore	BER*.	All. C of BAR, StV.
Brown, H. Vivian	DOM*.	C of GRE. C & PS of StK ANG, St. L.
Brundrett, Sir F.		
Butler, G. R.	TUR*.	
†Butler,W.		
Butt, D. G.	BER* xPH.	C of BAR, JAM, TRI.
Calnan, N.		
†Cameron, Byron R.	JAM*.	CAY, TUR.
Capes, Leslie G.	BAR & C.	All: M.
Chorlton, J. D.	CAY*, JAM*.	
†Churchill, Jordan C.		
Coasby, L. R.	BAH*.	All xBER, xBrG, xBrH.
Collett, G. W.	JAM*.	All.
Colvin, J. H.	LEE & C.	
Courtney, L. A.	JAM*.	PH & C of all.
Craig, H. S.	BAR: QV & QEII.	All: QV & QEII
†Creed, E. G.	StV*.	BAR, BER.
Crow, W H.	JAM*.	C of all.
†Daggett, H. M, Jr.	Censored covers and Reply coupons of all.	
Davis, F. L.	LEE* xPH.	
de Burca, Dr. B.	StL*.	LEE & VIR: U. C of ANT, BAR, BrG, JAM.
†de Bussmann, F. E.		
†Devaux, Robert J.	StL* xPH, xC.	
Dickson, lan	StL, StV & C.	
Donne, C. E.	VIR* xPS.	
†Dorn, P. A.		
Edmunds, G. A.		
Elliott, A. T.	JAM* from 1912.	
Farr, E. D.		
Fellows, R. J.		
Fielding, J. D.		
Fitz-Gerald, F. D.	All xBrG, xBrH. xTRI. xStC	
Fordham, F. R.	BAR*.	ANT, BAH, BER, CAY, JAM, TRI, TUR.
Forshaw, E. Shields	BrG* xPS.	All xTOB, xTUR, xVIR.
Foster, Thomas	JAM*.	All.
Frazer, W.	VIR*. D all.	
†Frederick, J. L.	VIR* to 1900.	
†Freeman, F. G.	JAM* xPS.	All.
Frost, T. W.	TRI* from T913.	
Garrard, Dr. N.	BAH*.	All xBrG, xStV.
†Gaston, H. J.	JAM*.	
Giffin, W. L.	All.	
Gilbert, J. H. O.	D (Auct.) all.	
Giddon, M. N.		
Green, Mrs. A.	BER from 1937 & C.	JAM from 1937 & C.
Grimwood, J.	All to 1952 & C.	
Groves, G. W.	ANT*, StV*.	BAR, DOM, GRE, LEE, MON, StC. StK, StL.
Halls, A.		
Hamilton, T. G.		
Harris, Col. O. M.	BAH, BAR, BER, JAM to 1952 & PH & C.	
Harrison, C. W.		
Heap, J. L.	BrG* xPH.	
Heathcote, H. J	StV* xPS.	DOM*, TOB*, xPS.
†Heins, Rev. H. H.		
Henderson, D. V.		
Hershman, A. A.		
Heseltine, V. W.	BER, LEE, StL, TUR.	
Hoey, S. Graham	BAH*.	
†Holmes, Jerrold	LEE: M.	CAY.
M. Hosking, P.	BrG* xPS.	All & C.
W. Howe, F. G.	PH, C & PS of BrG.	
Huggins W.		
†Hunt, E. H.		
Irving, W.	All.	
Jaffe, Peter	StV*.	GRE to 1901. PH of LEE StL. C of BAR, BrG., BrH DOM, GRE.

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other interests
Jenman, S. V.	BER* xPS.	
†Johnson, A. N.	JAM*.	CAY. TUR
Johnson, Bryan E.	GRE*.	
†Johnstone, Gene	Modern C of all.	
N. Jones, A.	All.	
Jones, C. E. R.	BER.	
Jones, Mrs. M. E.	StL.	
Keast, G. F.		
Kimball, L.		
Kimber, H. B.		
†Kitchen, Dr. Paul F.	CAY from 1937.	
†Larkin, R. H.	GRE & C.	
Latham, Lt.-Col. G. H.	TOB*, TRI*.	
†Law, L.		
Lee, R. A. G.	CAY*.	
Leverton, B. A.		
Lickfold, E.		
K. Lisle, F. B.	BAR, BER, BrG, TRI & C.	
Loach, J. C.	TRI* xPS.	BAR, GRE, StV.
†Lockie, Dr. J. M.	CAY & C.	LEE, StL & C. StK, TUR from 1900. Others from 1912.
Lowe, Robson	BAH: Chalon Heads.	
†Ludington, M. H.	BER*.	PH & C of BAH. TUR & PH.
Lyons, Mrs. S.	TRI.	BAR, JAM.
Malin, L. R.		
Macmillan, H. B.	JAM* xPS.	All.
Manners, G. S.	D all.	
Manning, K. J. A. O.	ANT*, DOM*, MON*, StK*, VIR* xPS to 1935.	All to 1936 xJAM, xStV.
Marriott, John B.	TRI* to 1910.	
Marshall, L. M. W.	ANT* xPS.	GRE*, LEE*, StV* xPS. BER.
†Mertens, R. A.	D all.	
Messenger, J. L.	GRE*, StV*.	All.
Metcalfe, R. W.	JAM & C & PS.	All.
Mitchell, Hooton	BAR*, TRI* xPS.	All xStL, xTUR.
Mitchell, T. J		
Montford, I. C.		
Murray, C. A.	PH, C, etc., of all.	
Myers, F.		
Nabarro, F. J. N.	DOM* to 1935.	
Neale, H. A.		
†Newns - Smith, R.		
Norris, Col. F. S. J.		
†O'Connor, Harvey	JAM*.	
Opie, F. D.		
Ormston, G. A.		
Osborn, G. A.	BER* to 1901.	GRE* to 1901.
Parker, C. Angus	D all, specially PH. C,	PS, Covers, Proofs, Specimens, etc.
Partridge, R. F.	GRE & C.	
†Paton, C. D.	LEE*	
Paton, I. M.	LEE from 1937.	All from 1937.
Patrick, C.		
Payne, C. W.	CAY*.	C of JAM, TRI.
†Pierce, A. D.	StV* xPS.	BER, CAY, GRE.
Pilkington, G. L.	GRE to 1890.	StC. C of LEE, VIR
†Pilkington, G. M.	GRE*.	
†Pitt, R. W.	JAM*.	All.
†Post, J. J.	JAM* xPH xPS.	BAH*, CAY*, TUR* xPH. xPS.
Pratt, R. G.		
Pritchett, G. C.	All xBrG, xBrH.	
Proud, E. B.	D all.	
Pullar, G. L.	StL. M.	ANT, BAR, MON: M.
Pywell, J. G.	ANT, BAR, StV & C & PS.	
†Raymond, G. J.	C & Covers of BAH.	C & Covers of all xBrG xTRT.
Richards, J. A.		

NAME	MAIN INTEREST	Other interests
Riddell, Dr. J. D.	BAH*.	
†Ritchie, G. W. S.	BER* from 1953	BAH, BrG, BrH, CAY, DOM, JAM. LEE, StL, StV, TUR from 1953.
Roberts, T. V.		
Robenson, K. J.		
Rubner, Dr. R.		
Samuel, Marcus	Spec. & Rev. stps. of all CAY*.	
Saunders, P. T.		
†Schmitt, F. P.	BAH*.	
†Seifert, Lt.-Col. F. F.	JAM*.	All & C & PS.
Shepherd, Mrs. H. R.		
†Shilstone, H. M. Jr.	BAR*.	All.
†Simpkins, B. G.	CAY*.	
Skrine. W. H.		
Smith, C. H.		
Smith, Lt.-Col. G. Saville		
Somerwell. H. A.		
Southwood, S. W.	BrG, TRI to 1920.	
Soutter, A.	JAM.	
Spencer, Eric	BAR*.	
Stephens, F.	All.	
†Sternfels, M. M.	BAH & C.	BAR, BER, JAM, & C.
Stevenson, Thos.	All to 1901 & C & PH.	
Steward, M.	LEE from 1912 & C & PS	All from 1937 & C.
†Stitt, W. B.	BAH*, BER*, CAY*, JAM*.	All.
Stokes, E. W.	CAY, GRE.	
Sullivan. D.	BAH, BAR,	
Surtees, V. N. F.	JAM*	
Sutton, Col. T.		
Swarbrick, R. V.	JAM*.	All xBrG, xBrH.
Tansley, K.	All: K.E.VII, U.	
Taylor, Mrs. M. W.	GRE* to 1935.	C of BrG.
Taylor, Mrs. P. T.		
Terry, W.		
†Thetford, Dr. N. D.		
Thompson, F. H.	JAM*.	BER, BrH.
Thompson, J. W,	BAH: K..G. VI & C.	BAR, BER.
Titford, Rose	BAH* to 1900.	StC*.
Todd, J. D.	DOM*.	TUR.
Toeg, E. V.	LEE*.	
†Tongue, Major W. F.	All from 1937 &C&PS	
†Topaz, R.	JAM*.	All.
Townsend, W. A.	BrG*.	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, GRE, StL, StV.
Tremaine, Miss	BER* xPH.	
†Tucker, H. J. Jr.	BER*.	BrH*, GRE, StV.
Tummey, A. J.		
Turner, J. J.	StV* to 1900.	
Urwick, Dr. R. H.	StC*, TOB* xPS to 1900.	ANT, BAH, BAR, BER, DOM, ORE, MON, StL, StV, VIR to 1900.
Vann, W. C.	BAR & PH & C & PS.	
Voller, L. P.	JAM*.	
Ward, R.	BrG from 1953.	C of all.
Watson, W. K.	JAM*.	NEV, StC, StK.
Webb, E. L.	All.	
Wells, R. W.	GRE*.	DOM, StL, StV.
Wheeler, L. S.		
Whitehead, Miss A.	BAH.	
Wilde, P. M.	BrG.	
†Zell, L. B. Jr.	TUR* from 1901.	All from 1953.

Jamaica 1½d. K.G. V. Wmk. Sideways. Just how rare is this stamp? Harmer sold SG.71 and 74 used copies in 1958 and a similar pair in 1959, also used. These are the only copies I have heard of sold at auction for the last 15 years, before that I have no record. I have a used copy of SG.59 in my collection.

This shows that there were at least three sheets with Wmk. Sideways and so I suspect that more copies lurk undiscovered in collections. Has anyone got any, or has anyone heard of others?

V. N. F. Surtees.

Jamaica Transit Handstruck Stamps. Miss Rose Titford stated in Bulletin 18 that her records of the "JAMAICA/TRANSIT" in two straight lines usage dates between Feb., 1882, and May 1st, 1894. Mr. H. B. MacMillan and Mr. V. N. F. Surtees in Bulletin 19 confirm usage to June, 1900, and 7th Dec., 1894. I have a particularly fine strike on a cover with G B. 4d. tied with a "C59" cancel and a "JACMEL PAID" HAITI. DATED 12/4/1877. This seems to be the E.D.K., does any reader have a cover which is earlier than this?

Howard J. Gaston

I observe on page 193 in "Jamaica - its Postal History, Postage Stamps and Postmarks" that the earliest date cited for the use of K4 is given as 23rd October, 1843. It may not be a matter of any great interest, but I would like to mention that I have a cover with K4 addressed to Kirkaldy N.B., dated AU 8 1843 and backstamped at Kirkaldy SEP/6/1843.

Martin W. Sternfels.

LEEWARD ISLANDS

Air Postage Rates. I notice that Mr. Toeg and Mr. Bowman are both seeking information on air postage rates from the Leeward Islands. I have the following:-

St. John's, Antigua, to San Juan, P.R., 26th Sept., 1929, Postage 9d.
St. John's, Antigua, to Chicago, Ill., 26th Sept.. 1929, Postage l/4½d
St. John's, Antigua, to Jamaica, B.W.I., 8th Jan., 1930, Postage l/1½d.
St. John's, Antigua, to Essex, England, 20th Aug., 1931, Postage l/0½d
St. John's, Antigua, to London. England, 27th Jan., 1932, Postage 1/8½d.

LEEWARD ISLANDS (contd.)

Barbuda to Cheshire, England (Regd.). 19th June, 1946, Postage l/-. (Backstamped St. John's 6/20, Miami 6/21, New York 6/22, Cheshire 6/25)

St. John's, Antigua, to Jamaica, B.W.I., 10th April, 1951, Postage 2½d.

I believe the air rate in the early days was 9d. in the W.I. and l/4½d to the U.S.A. and England. However, it looks as though anything over 1/- was acceptable. I don't know when the rates were reduced.

Crawford D. Poton

ST. KITTS

Village Cancellations.

1.	Latter end of 19th Century - manuscript date only.	
2.	Issued 1900 -	duplex handstamp reading - ST. KITTS / code / month day / year // A 12.
	To -	Cayon, Dieppe Bay,
	Code -	CA, DB Old Road, Sandy Point. OR SP
3.	Issued c 1923 –	single c.d.s. reading – ST. KITTS / SP / month day / year.
	to -	Sandy Point
4.	Issued c 1928	large T.R.D. single circle, reading - ST. KITTS / date / village.
	to -	Cayon, Old Road. Dieppe Bay. ? Sandy Point.
5.	Issued c 1930	single c.d.s. reading – ST. KITTS / * / month day / year / village.
	to –	Cayon, Dieppe Bay, Old Road, Sandy Point.
	a. sub-type	with different type face and spacing.

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ANGUILLA - Branch Office.

1. Issued 1900 -	duplex handstamp as St. Kitts village 2 above,
Code -	AN.
2. Issued c 1921	large c.d.s. as St. Kitts village 3 above,
code -	A.
	? sub-type different size.
	(This code was correctly identified shortly after issue by The Rev. Iremonger.)
3. Issued c 1927	single c.d.s. reading –
	ANGUILLA / * / day month / year / VALLEY.
a. sub-type	with different type face and spacing.

ANGUILLA -Sub-Offices

1. Issued c 1928 –	1930 large single circle T.R.D. reading –
	ANGUILLA / date / sub-office.
to -	Blowing Point, East End, Forest, Road.
	there are two types for Road.

(The assistance of G. L. Pilkington, Esq., and K. J. A. Manning, Esq., is gratefully acknowledged.)

Dr. H. Vivian Brown.

ST. VINCENT

The GB/40c Mark. The reply furnished by Mr. G. W. Groves, the research leader for St. Vincent, to Mr. Robert Topaz on page 70 of the October 1959 Bulletin regarding the GB/40c mark is inexact. The need for the stamps, which are Anglo-(not St. Vincent) French, ceased when the U.K. and France ratified the U.P.U. Convention, circa 1876, and "it" was in use from 1878 as the normal cancellation (at Kingston and Georgetown?). In red it is scarce on the 1d. black and rare on higher values. In black it is the normal cancellation on the (1878) second printings of the six-pence light green and of the one shilling vermilion. The first version of GB / 40c with the large C was sent from the G.P.O., London, on October 2nd, 1864: the second version on December 1st, 1866.

Peter Jaffé.

TRINIDAD

Postal Stationery. 1879-1913. The various issues during the period under consideration fall into two groups. The first, 1879-1882, contains the provisionally issued cards designed and printed in the colony, together with the De La Rue 1½d. card of 1879, and the McCorquodale Registration Envelopes of 1880. The second, from 1884 onwards, contains what may be described as the regular issues of the whole range of Postal Stationery.

Shades exist of most items, especially in the case of the Registration Envelopes, where both the embossed stamp and the inscription vary between grey-blue and blue. This was a shade, no doubt, much affected by climatic conditions. The card in the case of the Post Cards also varies in appearance. Examples remaining some time in the colony tended to become toned or slightly browner in colour. Shades are not listed separately below since, as far as I know, the variations are of no special significance, though, no doubt, of interest to the specialist.

1. Postcards

1. 1st April, 1879: designed and printed in Trinidad and issued provisionally pending the arrival of a supply from U.K. Thick card about 5¼ x 3½", but varying somewhat in dimensions. The design itself measures 4 7/10" X 2 9/10" approximately.

(a) Inscribed INLAND POST CARD. Black impression. To be franked by a (1d.) adhesive.

(b) Inscribed FOREIGN POST CARD - for countries in the Postal Union. Vermilion impression. Sold apparently with one and half another (1d.) adhesive already affixed; or later, when the ½d adhesive became available, with one id. and one (1d.) adhesive affixed.

2. August, 1879: U.P.U. card designed and printed by De La Rue on medium light buff card, size 4 4/5" x 3 2/5".

1½d. brown,

3. 1st April, 1882: a further provisional issue designed and printed in the colony on thick cream card about 4 4/5" x 3 2/5", but again varying somewhat in dimensions. Black impression, inscribed FOR COUNTRIES WITHIN 300 MILES SERVED BY BRITISH PACKETS and franked by adhesive stamps.

These cards may be found franked by:-

(a) 1876 (1d.) adhesive
(b) two 1879 ½d. adhesives
(c) 1882 1d. on 6d. manuscript surcharge
(d) 1883 1d. Queen's head issue.

They are also found franked by two bisected one penny adhesives, but these are, no doubt, philatelic in origin.

4. 18th February, 1884: regular issue designed and printed by De La Rue, the halfpenny (size 4 4/5" x 2 9/10") on thick white card, the others (size 5½" x 3½") on stout buff cards.

(a) Postcards:

½d. red brown 1½d. dark brown
1d. carmine 2d. dark blue

Complete original packets of 12 of the 1d. card exist.

(b) Reply Paid Cards joined along the top and perforated 4 (i.e. about 28 holes) along the join.

1d. + 1d. carmine 1½d. + 1½d. dark brown
2d. + 2d. dark blue.

There is a variety in which the perforations gauge 5 (i.e. about 32 holes).

All those under headings (a) and (b) above probably exist overprinted with small serifed SPECIMEN in black 11¼ mm. long.

(c) Reply Paid Card for official use: the 1d. + 1d. Reply Paid Card was also issued overprinted ON OFFICIAL SERVICE ONLY with a panel headed Signature of Officer. Date of issue unknown, but known used as late as December, 1908, and July, 1909.

This exists both perf. 4 and perf. 5.

5. 1902: head of K.E. VII. The halfpenny (size 4 4/5" X 2 9/10") on thick white card, the 1d. (size 5½" X 3½") on stout buff card.

½d. green. 1d. carmine

Both exist overprinted SPECIMEN in black in large serifed capitals, the overprint measuring 92 mm. long, the letters being 81 mm. tall.

(To be continued)

J. B. Marriott

Stamp Collectors' Annual 1960

Despite the increased cost of printing, this unique compilation is again available from the publishers (Harris Publications, Ltd.. 27 Maiden Lane, Strand, London, W.C.2) at the modest price of 3/6d. (50c. U.S.A.). Its contents comprise many interesting articles and the usual list of active philatelic societies. This feature alone makes it a "must" for society secretaries and it is hard to find a reason why so many failed to respond to the request for confirmation of alterations of names and addresses having regard to the fact that no charge is made for this valuable publicity. (Incidentally, the Editor informs us that our own confirmation must have gone astray.)

HON. SECRETARY'S REPORT

As I confidently anticipated the "new look" our Editor has given to our Bulletin has evoked favourable comment not only from members but also from other philatelic sources and we may rest assured that he will always strive to maintain its high standard. By the time this issue reaches you our display to the Royal Philatelic Society, London, will have taken place and at the time of writing I can only say that I hope it will afford their fellows and members much pleasure. The response of our members to my appeal for the loan of material from their collections was really splendid and I extend to all of them my sincere thanks for their valuable co-operation without which such a varied display would not have been possible. For the benefit of overseas members and others who may be unable to attend at 41, Devonshire Place, W.1., the catalogue of the exhibits is included as a supplement to this issue. In this connection I would like to mention that while many members furnished very full details of their contributions others, with understandable modesty, were very brief indeed. To collate all the information into a well balanced catalogue was no easy task and one, I venture to say, few would care to attempt. I feel sure that, in my capacity as Hon. Secretary, you would wish me to extend the thanks of all of us to Miss Titford on a job very well done. Our Hon. Secretary, Sales Circuit has recently advised me that he has received a number of complaints from members to the effect that they have only received one packet and in some cases none at all. This I must emphasise is most unfair to Mr. Crow. As many will know, running a packet is an onerous task and the present position is due entirely to lack of material. There can be scarcely one of us who has not some surplus items and unless we all make an effort to send some pages, be it only one or two, the state of affairs will not improve. In fact, it may well result in withdrawing what should be a worthwhile source for members to dispose of their duplicates. If such a step has to be contemplated it would be a great pity and I, therefore, urge all members to support Mr. Crow to the utmost. Elsewhere you will have read the obituary notice to the late Col. H. C. Mason and it is with regret I also have to record the passing of one of our Northern members - Mr. H. G. Carder - and, on your behalf, I extend our sincere sympathies to his wife in the great loss she has sustained. On a brighter note I am happy to announce the enrolment of the following new members: C. E. Donne, R. G. Pratt, Mrs. H. R.

Shepherd, Lt.-Col. G. Saville Smith, Mrs. P. T. Taylor (U.S.A.), G. F. Terry (U.S.A.), A. J. Tummey and L. S. Wheeler. In conclusion may I say how much I look forward to meeting a good number of you at our Sixth Anniversary Meeting on the 9th instant.

P.T.S.

OBITUARY

We very much regret to record the passing of Lt.-Colonel Harold Clayforth Mason. He was President of the Croydon Philatelic Society and a Fellow of the Royal Philatelic Society and one of the early members of the Circle. Although in more later years he had suffered ill-health his interest in the Circle was much in evidence and portions of his collection of St. Lucia formed exhibits given by the Circle to "Stampex" and to Society displays. He was a genuine student of his stamps and a delightful person to know - always ready to help the new collector. We tender to his wife and daughters our sincere sympathies in their great loss.

R.T.

MISCELLANEA

List of Members. A List of Members is issued with this Bulletin. Members' collecting interests have been coded to save space, and a Key is printed at the head of the List. The majority of Members obviously expended both time and trouble in completing and returning the questionnaire issued last year, and their trouble is appreciated. We have tried to print as much detail as possible, since it will be of general interest and of particular value to Research Leaders, but in a few cases a Member's interests have had to be gauged from insufficient information as to the scope and extent of his collections.

It is hoped to re-issue the List annually in the January Bulletin, Will members make a note, therefore, to send changes, corrections and additions to the Hon. Secretary not later than 31st October each year?

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